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| REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Subsection (b) of 35 USC 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) | Application No. | 09/157,884 |
| | Filing Date | September 21, 1998 |
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| | Group Art Unit | 2152 |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000). 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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| 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 | |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted | |
| i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.) | |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on | |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |
| b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed | |
| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply | |
| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) | |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) | |
| iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Form PTO-1449 | |
| v. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of documents listed in Form PTO-1449 | |
| vi. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |
| 2. Miscellaneous | |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103 for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.) | |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 | |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |
| 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. | |
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are enclosed: | |
| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee of \$710.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) | \$710.00 |
| ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three-month extension of time fee of \$890.00 (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) | \$890.00 |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action fee of \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i)) | |
| iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |
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| \$1,600.00 | |
| b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$1,600.00 enclosed | |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above fees to Deposit Account No. 12-1216 | |
| d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the above fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1216 | |

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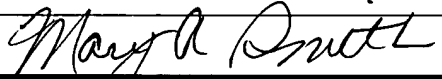
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